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Representative Brooks calls for Legislative Council Study to review chapter 157.70 of Wisconsin State Statutes

Madison, WI—This week, Representative Robert Brooks (R-Saukville), the author of Assembly Bill 620, “The Wisconsin Landowners Rights Initiative,” called for a summer Legislative Council Study to review chapter 157.70 of Wisconsin State Statutes, relating to Burial Site Preservation.

“After several meaningful conversations with the interested parties, primarily the Ho-Chunk Nation, Wisconsin Historical Society and individual property owners, it was concluded that revisions to chapter 157.70 of Wisconsin State Statutes are necessary,” said Representative Rob Brooks. “All of the aforementioned stakeholders are in agreement that the statute needs to be reviewed. I very much look forward to working in conjunction with the Ho-Chunk Nation and State Historical Society to ensure that chapter 157.70 meets the needs of all concerned parties,” opined Representative Brooks.

The Legislative Council study will be directed to do the following: review the current process by which undocumented burial sites are protected in Wisconsin; and examine statutes regulating the state’s burial preservation laws, to name just a few.

“Legislative Council shall consider items such as private property interests and landowners rights; recognition, respect and protection of burial sites; methods to accelerate the dispute resolution process under current law; protection and preservation of historically significant sacred sites and public access to them; and just compensation under the state’s eminent domain procedures for private property affected by burial preservation law,” said Representative Rob Brooks.

The Joint Legislative Council will be meeting this week to review this and other study group proposals, later this week.

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